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Moses Lake pharmacy technician's license suspended due to drug diversion

OLYMPIA — Allegations of drug diversion have led state health officials to suspend Moses Lake Pharmacy Technician Adrian Don Padilla (PTEC.VA.60237972). His Pharmacy Assistant credential (PHAA.VB.60182794) is also suspended.

Charges say that between January and May 2014, Padilla diverted hydromorphone from the pharmacy where he worked. Allegations are that he filled empty capsules with pure powdered hydromorphone taken from a stock bottle at the pharmacy. To conceal the missing hydromorphone, he diluted the remaining drug with lactose before returning the bottle to the shelf. He then sold the diverted hydromorphone capsules, according to the charges.

Padilla cannot practice as a pharmacy technician or pharmacy assistant until these charges are resolved. He has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission regulates pharmacists in Washington. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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